What is now the University of North Carolina at Charlotte actually began as a college that offered night courses for returning military personnel from World War II. At the time, the college shared a library facility with Charlotte’s Central High School. The college opened the J. Murrey Atkins library in 1965 after the campus had moved to its current location. The North Carolina state legislature gave the school the go-ahead to begin designing a library expansion in 1994 and appropriated $20.5 million to the project in 1995.

Stromberg Architectural Products was brought in to provide paneling as well as window sills and caps for the library’s improvement projects. These elements were composed of Stromberg’s Glass Fiber Reinforced Concrete (GFRC).

The renovation and expansion involved removing the entire facade of the library’s tower structure (while keeping the interior floors open to patrons) as well as the addition of new space for the library’s growing collection.